

PATENT

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RECORDS DUE TO DIGITAL MUSIC FILE ILLEGALLY DISTRIBUTED  
THROUGH COMMUNICATION NETWORK  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
37 CFR §1.115**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows in accordance with this Request for Continued Examination:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.